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May 2010

HF Happenings 405

SARL 85 Anniversary Sprint, Sunday 16 May
ZS85SARL, Saturday 22 May
ZS4 Sprint, Sunday 23 May



SARL 85th Anniversary Sprint

The objective of the contest is to celebrate the 85th Anniversary of the founding of SARL. The contest is open to all licensed radio amateurs in Southern Africa. The contest will take place from 12:00 UTC until 15:00 UTC (14:00 to 17:00 CAT) on Sunday 16 May 2010.

Frequencies and Modes - 80 m CW 3 510 - 3 560 kHz, Phone: 3 603 - 3 650 kHz and 3 700 to 3 800 kHz; 40 m CW 7 000 - 7 025 kHz, Phone 7 060 - 7 100 kHz and 7 130 - 7 200 kHz; 20 m CW 14 000 - 14 060 kHz, Phone 14 225 - 14 350 kHz (ZR access). A station may be worked once on each mode per band. Stations can change modes at any time DX QSOs will be allowed Cross-band or cross-mode operation is not permitted.

All categories allowed - Single or Multi operator, Fixed, Field or Mobile stations. Maximum power allowed 100 watt PEP output or less.

The exchange for SARL councillors and ex SARL councillors is RS(T) and C (Councillor) or R (Raadslid). For all other participants - RS(T).

Scoring. Contact with non-councillor = 1 point; Contact with councillor / ex councillor = 3 points; Contact with ZS85SARL= 10 points. Claimed score = Total of all QSO points and number of councillors worked.

Prizes and Certificates. First place: ARRL Handbook and certificate; Second and Third places: Basic Antennas and certificate; Highest score Participants under 18 ARRL Handbook and certificate. All received log with 10 or more contacts will go into the draw for an ARRL Handbook.

Logheets shall be submitted within 15 days after the contest and must be sent to the West Rand Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 5344, Weltevredenpark, 1725 or by e-mail to glevey[at]gmail[dot]com. Closing date for log submissions is 31 May 2010.

Special Station - ZS85SARL

The SARL was founded on 25 May 1925 in Cape Town. To commemorate the 85th anniversary of this event in Cape Town, a group of radio amateurs will operate a station with the birthday call sign ZS85SARL on Saturday 22 May from Cape Town. The station will be on the air on 80, 40 and 20 m from 08:00 until 20:00 CAT [06:00 to 18:00 UTC].

The main aim of the station will be to obtain a Worked All ZS within 12 hours.

A special QSL card will be printed for this event. SARL members will receive the QSL card at no cost via the bureau. Non-members will have to provide a franked and addressed envelope to cover postage.

The station will be located at the Ysterplaat Air Force Base. As from 11:00 CAT, fires will be available for visitors who wish to braai and operate the special call sign station and take part in the other festive activities.



What about a challenge to all the radio clubs in South Africa to get on the air on Saturday 22 May and celebrate the 85th Anniversary of the SARL.

Join the SARL Now and Get May and June Free

Join the SARL now and get May and June on the house. The membership fee for the 2010/2011 year is R360 for full members and R225 for senior members. The Annual General meeting held in Port Elizabeth in April approved a marginal increase in the membership fees. The new rates are now available at www.sarl.org.za. Contact Mariska at 011 675 2393 to join now or get the form online.

A significant change is the affiliation fee for clubs. It has been reduced to R120 per year. If your club is not yet affiliated to the SARL do it now.

Contest Results

I received three sets of contest results in the week. Thanks to all the radio amateurs who submitted logs and congratulations to the various winners.

The SARL Hamnet 40 meter Simulated Emergency Contest

The Contest Committee received 15 logs and 1 check log for the SARL Hamnet 40 meter Simulated Emergency Contest. The log distribution is as follows: ZS1 - 0; ZS2 - 3; ZS3 - 1; ZS4 - 4; ZS5 - 1; ZS6 - 5 and 7P8 - 1. Unfortunately, they did not mention who sent in the check log.

The winners are as follows: Single Operator Stationary Mobile - Geoff Levey, ZS6GRL; Single Operator Portable - Pierre van Deventer, ZS6BB; Multi-operator Portable - 7P8BHF [Andries Visage, ZS6VL, and Michael Roodt, ZS6BHF, from KG41hg, about 10 km from Oxbow lodge] and Single Operator Base station - Jan Botha, ZS4JAN.

The full results are:

Single Operator Stationary Mobile

- 1st Geoff Levey, ZS6GRL, 1 584 points
- 2nd Brian Jacobs, ZS6YZ, 810 points

Single Operator Portable

- 1st Pierre van Deventer, ZS6BB, 2 205 points
- 2nd Eddie Leighton, ZS6BNE, 1 224 points
- 3rd JP Human, ZS2BZ/5, 686 points

Multi-operator Portable

- 7P8BHF [Michael Roodt, ZS6BHF, and Andries Visage, ZS6VL], 3 744 points

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ZS10WCS operated by the
Rietkloof ARC

- 1 Worker's Day; May Day / Labour Day - Namibia
- 2 ZS3Sprint
- 3 Closing date Autumn QRP logs
- 8 PIC Course, Cape Town; AWA Valve AM QSO Party; Mills on the Air; World Red Cross Day
- 9 Mother's Day; AWA Valve AM QSO Party; Mills on the Air
- 12 International Nurses Day
- 13 Ascension Day - Namibia
- 14/16 Dayton Hamvention
- 16 SARL 85 Contest
- 17 World Telecommunications Day; Closing date ZS3 logs
- 22 ZS85SARL Activity
- 23 ZS4 Sprint
- 24 Closing date AWA Valve logs
- 25 Africa Day - Namibia
- 26 SARL Club CW Contest
- 28/30 WIA Centenary weekend
- 29 RTA, Durban; CQ WW WPX CW
- 30 CQ WW WPX CW; Comrades Marathon
- 31 World No Tobacco Day

**Single Operator Base station**

- 1st Jan Botha, ZS4JAN, 4 560 points
- 2nd Johan van Aarde, ZS2I, 2 928 points
- 3rd Philip Esterhuizen, ZS4PJ, 2 709 points
- 4th Al Akers, ZS2U, 1 776 points
- 5th Pam Momberg, ZS6APT, 1 750 points
- 6th Paul Grobler, ZS4PG, 1 736 points
- 7th Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC/3, 1 582 points
- 8th Derek Stuart, ZS2J, 1 302 points
- 9th Johan Esterhuizen, ZS4PP, 1 204 points

The 1st leg of the SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Competition

The contest committee received four logs for the first leg of the SARL VHF/UHF analogue contest held in March 2010.

Multi operator station

- 1st Pretoria ARC, ZS6PTA, 70 430 points
- 2nd John Vorster Technological School ARC, ZS6JVT, 2 264 points

Single Operator Station

- 1st Carl Minne, ZS6CBQ, 12 440 points
- 2nd Philip Venter, ZS4PV, 2 561 points

The first leg of the SARL 80 Metre QSO Party

The committee received six entries for the first leg of contest, this from 69 participants, now I wonder why the other 63 did not submit a log?

- 1st Jan Botha, ZS4JAN, 655 points
- 2nd Phillip Esterhuizen, ZS4PJ, 645 points
- 3rd Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC, 495 points
- 4th Derek Stuart, ZS2J, 385 points
- 5th Brian Jacobs, ZS6YZ, 285 points
- 6th Geoff Levey, ZS6GRL, 235 points

Some statistics -

ZS1 - 24% of the activity, no logs
ZS2 - 6% of the activity, 2 logs
ZS3 - 4% of the activity, no logs
ZS4 - 24% of the activity, 2 logs
ZS5 - 10% of the activity, no logs
ZS6 - 32% of the activity, 2 logs

ZS10WCS News

Last week I told about the 13 359 QSOs loaded up to Logbook of the World. How does the month-by-month activity of ZS10WCS look?

Sept 09, Boland ARC, 2 644 QSOs made up of 1 553 phone, 1 050 CW, 39 PSK and 2 RTTY QSOs.

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Oct 09, Oakdale ARC, 146 phone QSOs
Nov 09, North West ARC, 9 phone QSOs
Dec 09, East Rand ARC, 646 QSOs made up of 527 phone and 119 PSK QSOs
Jan 10, Vrystaat ARC, 284 phone QSOs
Feb 10, Bloemfontein RAC, 421 phone QSOs
Mar 10, Sandton and West Rand ARCs, 5 585 QSOs made up of 1 091 phone, 2 973 CW, 673 PSK, 839 RTTY and 9 FM QSOs
Apr 10, Northern Cape ARC, 3 620 phone QSOs - this is not the complete log, there are some satellite QSOs as well.

SARL RTA to Offer Three New Construction Kits

The first SARL Radio Technology in Action symposium will be held in Durban on Saturday 29 May 2010 at the Durban Campus of the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

The programme offers exciting presentations and discussions. This year three construction kits will be available at the RTA. The kits are only available to persons attending the RTA but may be pre-ordered and paid for online or purchased and paid for at the actual event.

This year it is also possible to pre-book and pay the RTA registration fee online. The fee is R50, which includes light refreshments at lunchtime and entry into the attendance draw. It will still be possible to book at the door.

Registration for the Durban RTA will open on Monday. Get the full download on www.sarl.org.za, select RTA and from there follow the links.

The three kits on offer are:

DSSS kit: 100 mW on 40 m band. Two Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum transceivers built in open PCB fashion as a learning tool for DSSS. All sections of each transmitter and receiver are able to be explored and tested with simple gear found in the shack. CD containing assembly and operating instructions is supplied but no cables, cost R350.

TDR, Time Domain Reflectometry 1 GHz Sampling Scope. Specifically designed for TDR work but can be used for other applications. It is a USB device that plugs into a Laptop or PC and runs a Windows program in the image of a normal scope. CD containing software, assembly, and operating instructions is supplied but no cables are supplied, cost R350.

DSP kit: Digital Signal Processing Speaker kit. For use on speaker output of any device to reduce or eliminate noise. It is ideal for HF Receivers. It is built in open PCB fashion and ideal as a DSP learning tool. CD containing assembly and operating instructions is supplied but no cable, cost R325.

This project is fully presented in a technical presentation at the RTA.

UFT DX Mail List Now QRT

OPDX is sad to report that Maurice, F5NQL, Editor/Manager of the Union Francaise des Telegraphistes (UFT) DX Mailing List for the last ten years, has announced that he can no longer maintain the list "due to some personal reasons." The UFT Mailing List ended effective on 4 May. OPDX and its readers would like to thank Maurice for all his years of devotion and info to the DX community.

HF Happenings also thanks Maurice for his service to the amateur community.

DXCC News

Bill Moore, NC1L, reports that the following operation is approved for DXCC credit - YI9PSE from Iraq, the 2010 Operation.

Thank you to Tjerk, ZS6P for the information.

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Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club Beacon

A new beacon of the Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club is on the air. TP2CE/B on 28 222.8 kHz is a new beacon operated by the Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club. Its power is 450 mW and the antenna is a R7000 vertical. Reception reports are welcome. For more information visit <http://ewwa.free.fr>

509 kHz Beacon LA1ASK/B

Tom V. Segalstad, LA4LN, NRRRL HF Traffic Manager says a temporary amateur radio beacon will be transmitting during May and to mid-June 2010 from the island of Toftøy near Bergen, southwestern coast of Norway, QTH locator JP20II. The frequency is 509 kHz, mode A1A (CW), transmitter power 5 W into a 35 m tall vertical antenna.

The message is transmitted at 80 characters per minute, 120 seconds between each start "VVV VVV VVV DE LA1ASK/B LA1ASK/B LA1ASK/B QTH JP20LL QSL INFO WWW.LA1ASK.NO"

Please send reports to post@bergenkringkaster.no or QSL via LA Bureau or direct, information at www.la1ask.no. The beacon trustee is LA7CFA.

Marion Island, ZS8M

Pierre, ZS1HF, on Marion Island (AF-021), is expected to hit the airwaves as ZS8M sometime this week or weekend.

African DX

Angola, D2. Sergey, UT1EO, is expected to be active as D2QR from Lunda Norte Province in northeast Angola until 22 April 2011. He is currently installing antennas and is awaiting his TS450SAT transceiver. Activity will be on 40 - 10 metres on all modes. QSL via RW6HS.

Angola, D2. Andrew, G7COD, has been sent to Luanda, the capital of the Republic of Angola, on a work assignment for the next 12 months. He has also been issued the call sign D2AK (since 7 May), and expects to be active at various times (both day and night) on 80 - 10 metres, including the 30, 17 and 12 metre bands, using CW and SSB. So far, no QSNs have been reported. Suggested frequencies are (+/- QRM): CW - 3503, 7003, 10103, 14003, 18073, 21003, 24893 and 28003 kHz; SSB - 7063, 14190, 18133, 21253, 24953 and 28500 kHz.

QSL only direct to G7COD: Andrew Kitchen, 4 Dairy Cottage, Newton Hall Farm, Bank Newton, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 3NT., England, UK. (Please send a SAE with 2 USDs. NO IRCs). He does not participate in the LoTW, but he does QSL via eQSL. For more details, see D2AK on QRZ.com. A web site will be available soon at <http://www.d2ak.freewebspace.com>

Ascension Island, ZD8. Takao, JE1WVQ, will be active as ZD8J from Georgetown on Ascension Island (AF-003) between 2 and 8 June. QSL via his home call sign.

Central African Republic, TL. Just a reminder that Jan, DJ8NK and Paul, F6EXV will be active as guest operators from Christian's, TLOA, station between 13 and 26 May. They plan to have two stations on the air simultaneously. Look for Jan to focus his activities on RTTY, while Paul will be on CW. Chris will continue his SSB operation and CW/RTTY from time to time after 26 May. Bands of activity will be on 40 - 6 metres, maybe some 160 and 80 m (it is late in the season for the low bands, and it is the rainy season in TL with daily storms). Operators will use standard DX frequencies, and always run "SPLIT." PLEASE NOTE THE QSL INFO! QSL direct to the

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QRZ.com TLOA address. "Neither Jan, nor Paul, will be able to confirm any contact. Therefore, we repeat, QSL ONLY via TLOA.

Equatorial Guinea, 3C9. On 7 May, the 3C0C Annobon Island team announced (edited): "If no setback or causes beyond our control, in mid-May start off Equatorial Guinea. Before travelling to Annobon (3C0C), we will take a DXpedition to Equatorial Guinea, Bioko Island (AF-010), with the indicative 3C9B. The operation will take place over three days and we will be active on SSB, CW and RTTY. The exact dates will be announced shortly. Here in Bioko, we will collect all our needed supplies to live on the island of Annobon for 14 days, and then depart to 3C0C. We thank all those who are helping us, Associations, Clubs and individuals, now Annobon Expedition and also the island of Bioko is a reality, thanks to everyone." For more details and updates on the 3C0C and 3C9B DXpedition, visit the Web page at <http://www.3c0c-annobon.com>

Senegal, 6W. William, F1TZG, will once again be active as 6W/F1TZG from Somone between 8 and 15 May. He will be operating from Jean-Francois's, 6W7RV, radio shack on 160 - 6 metres using SSB only. QSL via his home call sign.

Algeria, 7X. Some members of the Great Desert of the World Djelfa Amateur Radio Club, 7X2VFK, will use the special call sign 7U3GDW from 17 to 22 May. All QSOs with this special event station will be confirmed with an award instead of QSL cards. QSL via 7X2DD, PO Box 467, CP 17000 Djelfa, Algeria.

Burundi, 9U. Stef, ON4FG, and Eric, ON4LN, are active as 9U4T and 9U2T, respectively, until 19 May. Activity is holiday style on 80 to 10 metres, and possibly 6 metres if conditions permit, using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL to home calls.

Guinea-Bissau, J5. Dan, JA1PBV, is active as J5V/p while on work assignment and is active until 24 May. Activity of late has been on 30 and 17 metres using CW. QSL to home call.

Special Event Stations

Argentina, AY/LR/LV/LS/LT. Argentina will be celebrating their "May Bicentennial Revolution" this month. In commemoration, the Radio Club Argentino (RCA), National IARU Member Society announced that all Argentine radio amateurs will be allowed to change their call sign's prefixes between 22 and 25 May, according to the following criteria:

LU stations will shift their prefixes to LR; LW to LV and AZ to LT. Amateur Radio Clubs and Associations to LS. Scouts Groups, Schools and any other institutions holding a license to AY.

A special two-class award will be issued to radio amateurs and SWLs worldwide who achieve a certain number of prefixes. Since this event is a very special occasion for Argentina, they invite everybody to join them on the air. For more details, please visit <http://www.lu4aa.org/bi/awards.htm>

Bulgaria. LZ2010KM is activated during May to celebrate the St Cyril and Methodius day on 24 May. The two brothers Cyril and Methodius are considered the inventors of the Cyrillic alphabet and 24 May is one of Bulgaria's most important national holidays. QSLs via bureau, direct or LoTW to LZ1PJ. More information can be found online at <http://www.qrz.com/db/LZ2010KM>



Norway. The historical special call LJ2T will be used again from 18 - 20 and 25 - 27 June 2010, in conjunction with the International Museums Weekends, by the Signals Museum of the Norwegian Armed Forces near Lillehammer, QTH Locator JP51ED. LJ2T will use both modern and old radio equipment to make QSOs on all bands from 160 to 2 metres using CW, SSB, FM, AM and digital modes.

QSL via LA5EAA, via the NRRL Bureau or direct. Visit www.qrz.com/db/LJ2T. LJ2T used to be the call sign of the Radio [Telegraphers] School of the Norwegian Army's Signal Corps from 1945 to 1982. [Thanks to Tom V. Segalstad, LA4LN, LJ2T Station Manager]

The Netherlands, PC100. Look for Frans, PC2F, to activate special event call sign PC100AR between 29 May and 26 June. Activity is to celebrate 100th anniversary (24 June 1910) of the famous Italian car ALFA (Anonima Lombarda Fabbrica Automobili) later called Alfa Romeo. Activity will be on the HF bands. Frans is a big Alfa Romeo fan (so called ALFIST), and a collector of AR model-cars, AR postage stamps and some other stuff, as well as owner of two old time Alfa Romeo cars (Giulia 1300TI and Giulia Spider 1600). A special QSL card will be made after this period and will be sent via the Bureau or direct (send SAE with 1?, 2\$ or 1 new IRC). In addition, an eQSL will be sent.

Sweden, 8S - Museum Ships Weekend, 5 and 6 June. Look for the Missile Ship R-142 "YSTAD", a museum vessel, to be activated with her call sign 8S8RBB, from her base at Galo, east of Stockholm. They plan to be active for about 24 hours, from Saturday morning 5 June until Sunday morning. Activity will be on 160 - 10 metres using CW and SSB. The chief operators will be Stellan, SMOLQB, assisted by Hans, SMOBYD, and possibly one more. PLEASE QSL via the Bureau. Visit their home page at <http://www.navyradio.se>

Kazakhstan. Vadim, UN7FW, is signing UP25F until 30 Nov to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Ekibastuz coal mine. The QSL manager is IK2QPR.

Pirate

The station, which claimed to be 3B8BOA and 3B8/F4BOA mostly on 12, 15 and 20 m, was a pirate. The holder of the licence is Joel Albert Vallee, F4BOA, and is momentarily staying in France.

Jacky, 3B8CF, secretary of Mauritius Amateur Radio Society (MARS), reports that the station 3B8BOA and/or 3B8/F4BOA is illegal. The real owner F4BOA confirms that he was never active from Mauritius.

EP4ZG announced on 2 May that his QSL manager is UY0ZG. UY0ZG states that this activity was fake.

Club News

Were you involved in the SARL Duff Road activities? Ray Webber, ZS6RSW, is arranging an informal get-together of radio amateurs who were involved at the SARL Johannesburg Branch and the Duff Road clubhouse on Friday 21 May at 12:30 at Nino's at San Ridge Square in Midrand. It is an open invitation. Everyone pays his or her own way. Join in to reminisce about the good times in the 807. Please e-mail Ray with your details. His e-mail address is RWebber[at]fnb[dot]co[dot]za.



The Potchefstroom ARC is planning a Flea Market starting at 10:30 on Saturday 5 June 2020. The venue is the ZERABI Reception Centre located directly adjacent to the N12 highway approximately half-way between Klerksdorp and Potchefstroom.

Admission is free. No table fee will be charged so come and sell your items. Braai facilities, braai packs, hotdogs, refreshments and a cash bar is available. Sleepover facilities are also available. Come and enjoy your self. Contact Stef, ZS6AOK, at 082 773 5297 for more information.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 12 to 18 May 2010.

CWops Mini-CWT Test

11:00 - 12:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 12 May and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 13 May

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40 and 20 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, Low or High

Max power: HP: >100 watt; LP: 100 watt; QRP: 5 watt

Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 15 May 2010

Post log summary at:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.cwops.org/onair.html>

RSGB 80 m Data Club Championship

19:00 - 20:30 UTC 12 May

Mode: RTTY, PSK

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RST and serial no

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 19 May 2010

Upload log at:

<http://www.vhfcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2010/r80mcc.shtml>

QRP Minimal Art Session

19:00 - 23:00 UTC 13 May

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: A - TRX consisting of not more than 100 components; B - TX consisting of not more than 50 components, RX as you like

Max power: 5 watt

Exchange: RST, "/", class and number of components

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 27 May 2010

E-mail logs to: mas[at]qrpcc[dot]de

Mail logs to: DL1RNN, Lutz Gutheil, Bergstrasse 17, D-38446 Wolfsburg, Germany

Find rules at:

<http://www.qrpcc.de/contestrules/mas/qrpmasr-e.html>

His Majesty the King of Spain CW Contest

12:00 UTC 15 May to 12:00 UTC 16 May

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op

Exchange: EA: RST and province; non-EA: RST and Serial No

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each EA province once per band; Each EADX100 entity, except EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, once per band



Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 10 June 2010

E-mail logs to: smreycw[at]jure[dot]es

Mail logs to: URE HF Contests, PO Box 220, 28080 Madrid, Spain

Find rules at:

<http://www.ure.es/contest/431-sm-el-rey-contest-english-version.html>

Manchester Mineira All America CW Contest

15:00 UTC 15 May to 23:59 UTC 16 May

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Op Single Band; Single Op All Band; SOAB QRP; Multi-Single

Exchange: All: RST and continent abbreviation; CWJF members: RST and continent/M;

QRP: RST and continent/QRP; YL: RST and continent/YL

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same country; 2 points per QSO with different country same continent; 3 points per QSO with different continent; 5 points per QSO with CWJF member, YL or QRP station

Multipliers: SA: Each prefix once per band; NA: Each SA prefix once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 30 July 2010

E-mail logs to: testcjw[at]gmail[dot]com

Mail logs to: CWJF Contest Committee, PO Box 410, Juiz de Fora - MG 36001-970, Brazil

Find rules at:

http://www.powerline.com.br/cwjf/Regulamento_Ing.pdf

Feld Hell Sprint:

16:00 - 18:00 UTC and 20:00 - 22:00 UTC 15

May

Mode: Feld Hell

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: (none)

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: (see rules)

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each state, province and country once only

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 1 June 2010

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

<http://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/contests>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/contests>

WAB LF Phone

10:00 - 14:00 UTC 16 May

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80 and 40 m

Classes: Single Op - Fixed, Mobile or Portable; Multi-Op - Fixed, Mobile or Portable; QRP; SWL - Fixed, Mobile or Portable

Max power: non-QRP: >10 watts; QRP: 10 watts

Exchange: British Isles: RS, serial no and WAB square; other: RS, serial no and country

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 6 June 2010

E-mail logs to: aebbooks[at]ntlworld[dot]com

Mail logs to: Tony Beardsley, G3XKT, 14 York Avenue, Sandiacre, Nottingham NG10 5HB, United Kingdom

Find rules at:

<http://wab.intermip.net/Contest%20Rules.php#OtherRules>

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest

01:00 - 03:00 UTC 17 May

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Band; All Band

Max power: 5 watt

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and Member no or power

Work stations: Once per band



QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once

Multiply mults by 2 if >50 members worked

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23 May 2010

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at:

<http://www.fpqrp.com/autolog.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.fpqrp.com/fpqrprun.php>

Next Week's Contests

NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint, 00:30 - 02:30 UTC 20 May

RSGB 80 m CW Club Championship, 19:00 - 20:30 UTC 20 May

NCCC Sprint Ladder, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 21 May

Slobozhansky Sprint Contest, 18:00 - 19:59 UTC 21 May - SSB and 20:00 - 20:59 UTC 21 May - CW

EU PSK DX Contest, 12:00 UTC 22 May to 12:00 UTC 23 May

UN DX Contest, 12:00 UTC 22 May to 12:00 UTC 23 May

Baltic Contest, 21:00 UTC 22 May to 02:00 UTC 23 May

This week in History

The week starting Monday 10 May 2010

1618 - Dutch Captain records first sighting of Australian coast

1718 - J. Puckle, London, patents the world's first machine gun

1885 - Edison patents ship-to-shore wireless telegraphy system working by induction

1896 - Edison patents first fluorescent electric lamp

1897 - Marconi transmits 14.5 km across the Bristol Channel

1897 - Braun displays his cathode ray tube at the Boston Exhibition

1928 - The first official flight of the Royal Flying Doctor Service from Cloncurry to Julia Creek

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